

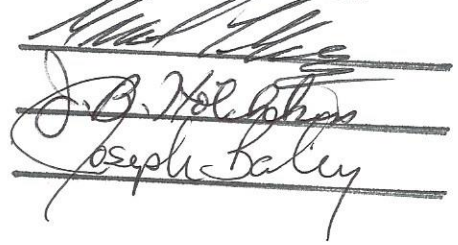
Town of Middleton  
Board of Selectmen Meeting  
February 6, 2017

Called to order at 6:33 P.M

BOS Members Present: J. Bailey, J. Hotchkiss, M. Schwarz

Pledge Recited

Approved By  
Board of Selectmen



**Signature Action:**

- M. Schwarz motions to approve as written the 01/23/2017 BOS meeting minutes. J. Bailey seconds, all in favor.
- Supplemental tax warrant signed
- Abatement signed for the error on the last supplemental tax warrant
- Urban Tree Program- discussion on treating the trees again in front of the OTH. Last year the trees were treated costing approximately \$420. One tree on the bottom is dying. Suggestion of cutting down the tree and replanting for the same cost. J. Bailey motions no to renew the Program with Urban Tree. M. Schwarz seconds, all in favor.

**Old Business**

**New Business**

- J. Hotchkiss talks about the Strafford Regional Planning Commission (SRPC) meetings that are coming up. Next Monday there is a meeting on Hazard Mitigation at 10:00 in the Municipal Building. There is also a meeting Wednesday at 2:00 regarding economic development also in the Municipal Building. All are welcome.
- L. Parker announces upcoming events: School Deliberative is this Saturday 2/11 at 10:00 at the Middleton Elementary School. Town voting will be 3/14 and will be from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM at the Highway Garage. Town meeting will be held on 3/18 at 9:00 AM at the Highway Garage. J. Mullen will be the moderator. L. Adamo asked why the school was not being utilized for the town meeting. J. Hotchkiss advised, due to the parking concerns the school will not be used.

**Public Participation**

- B. Lawrence spoke about a 91-A request that he did on his name. He received information that a police report was filed by M. Schwarz stating B. Lawrence leaked non-public information. M. Schwarz asked to see the document. B. Lawrence presented the report which was dated in November. B. Lawrence asked Selectmen M. Schwarz why he filed a police report. M. Schwarz stated he received a resident complaint and forwarded it to the police for an investigation. B. Lawrence wanted specifics about what was leaked. M. Schwarz advised that the complainant had an issue that concerned another firefighter and someone else in the fire department, so he forwarded the complaint to the Police Chief. B. Lawrence states, the report does not say what was leaked or to whom it was leaked and he is curious as to what this is about. Chief Blodgett advises that when a complaint like this is received he forwards it to the County Attorney to see if there is anything worth pursuing; which is exactly what he did. B. Lawrence was questioning if it is when he was called in by the board to discuss one of the firefighters. M. Schwarz answered that it was a separate issue. M. Schwarz states that it was a separate issue when the

complainant came into the board and then after they wanted to know how to follow up with it, so M. Schwarz went to the Chief to follow-up. B. Lawrence confirms that it was a separate issue than the one he was called in for. J. Hotchkiss mentions concerns with this being the first he is hearing about this. He is concerned with not being advised that this was going on. He doesn't need details. M. Schwarz stated it was a minor issue that he referred to the Chief. J. Hotchkiss thinks it would make sense to advise the other board members. M. Schwarz didn't feel this was a board issue. J. Hotchkiss still thinks anything brought to a board member as a board member should be shared with the other members. Chief Blodgett did not bring to the board because he found it wasn't an issue that would go any further or need to be looked into any further.

- Roger Mains spoke about the contact he had with the cell tower company. Currently no riders are being put on towers. Recommendation from Tower Company is to start calling your provider customer service and complain about service in our area. R. Mains spoke to the Police Chief and Fire Chief to let all know to start complaining about the cell phone coverage. J. Coskie asked if a little publicity in the paper would help. The town currently has been approved for two towers. R. Mains looked into another project; solar farm. It is not a big money maker but can save the town money on electricity, possibly \$20,000. R. Mains along with J. Hotchkiss are going to meet with the company for more information. His thought was possibly using part of the Ridge Road pit, but the Highway Garage will use that whole location. Three Phase would need to be included. Question on if the power would be used to power the town offices. That is correct. J. Coskie mentioned that if you produce more than needed you can sell it back to the company. Any money they save can be used elsewhere. Question on the startup cost. R. Mains states that the panels etc. are free, you just need a location. There might also be an acreage minimum. R. Mains will provide an update at Town Meeting. J. Hotchkiss talks about the problem he sees is finding town owned land that is reasonably close to a road and assessable, if it is out in the middle of nowhere, there may be vandalism.

Meeting recessed to hold public budget hearing @ 7:09.

J. Bailey motions to enter into nonpublic per RSA 91-A:3 II (a) at 9:26 PM. M. Schwarz seconds, all in favor.

J. Bailey motions to enter back into public session at 9:59. M. Schwarz seconds all in favor.

J. Bailey motions to not seal the minutes from the first nonpublic. M. Schwarz seconds, all in favor.

J. Bailey motions to seal the minutes from the second nonpublic for 5 years. M. Schwarz seconds, all in favor.

J. Bailey motions to adjourn at 10:00 PM. M. Schwarz seconds, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Laura Parker, BOS Secretary